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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF GULF OIL DEL PERU

REFS: (A) STATE 134431 (B) LIMA 4770

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL B. SENIOR GULF OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO DEPT. THAT GULF WILL WELCOME DEMARCHE TO PERU. IN VIEW OF GULF'S INTEREST IN DETERRING EMULATION OF PERUVIAN BEHAVIOR BY OTHER COUNTRIES, THIS IS UNDERSTAND-
ABLE. IN ANY EVENT, LARGER CONSIDERATIONS OF PROTECTION OF AMERICAN INTERESTS INDICATE THAT USG CANNOT APPEAR TO ACQUIESCE IN PERU'S ACTION.

2. WE APPRECIATE TOO YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISIONS IN TEXT OF NOTE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THEM, WE REQUEST THAT YOU SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR PARA. 4 OF REFTEL A, AND PROMPTLY DELIVER THE NOTE SO REVISED.

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3. REVISED PARA. 4 SHOULD READ: "IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,

IT IS DIFFICULT TO AVOID THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ACTION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU WAS PRECIPITATE AND IN CONFLICT
WITH ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. SUCH
ARBITRARY CONDUCT MUST INEVITABLY INCREASE THE UNCERTAINTY

FELT BY OTHER SOURCES OF FOREIGN CAPITAL INFLOWS AND
INVESTMENT IN PROJECTS DESIRABLE FOR PERU'S ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, EVEN THOUGH ADEQUATE COMPENSATION IS PAID
TO GULF."

4. WE WISH TO PRESERVE THE TEXT OF PARA. 5 AS SENT
BY DEPT. IN REFTEL A (THOUGH OF COURSE EMBASSY MAY
ADD ITS ASSURANCES OF HIGHEST CONSIDERATION). WE TAKE
YOUR POINT THAT OUR WORDING IS IMPRECISE; THIS IS PURPOSE-
FULLY SO. WE DELIBERATELY DO NOT WISH TO SEEM TO CONFINE
OUR REQUEST FOR RESPONSIVE ACTION TO A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.
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